GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2392
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PERMANENT COMMISSION TO WOMEN OFFICERS
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of women officers in the Army, Navy and Air Force, separately;

(b) whether the Government proposes to grant permanent commission to women officers in the Armed Forces;

(c) if so,the details thereof alongwith the details of operational problems,if any,faced as a result thereof;and

(d) the time by which a final decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE(SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) As on date,the number of women officers in the Army is 1023 (excluding Army Medical Corps, Army Dental Corps and Military Nursing Staff), in Navy 256 and in Air Force 789.

(b) to (d): Permanent commission to women officers has been offered for induction prospectively in Judge Advocate General Department (JAG) and Army Education Corps (AEC) in the Army and their corresponding branch/Cadre in Navy and Air Force,Accounts Branch of the Air Force and Naval Constructor of the Navy.Permanent commission is to be offered to women under training since April 2008 and likely to pass out in March 2009,onwards.No operational problems are likely to be faced by this decision.